

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 6, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center, 2755 E. 19th St. N., Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Brandon James
David Buckmaster
Dan Heflin
Twila Chaloupek
Janice Rich
Janet Wilson
Beverly Domitrovic
Bill Wyne
Aaron Mayes
Lavonta Williams, Council Member

Members Absent

James Roseboro
K.C. Ohaebosim

Guests

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City of Wichita Staff Present

Lt. Nicholas Woods, WFD, Station #10
Officer Matthew Lowe, WPD, Beat 31, Patrol East
Officer Chad Burnett, WPD, Beat 45 and 46, Patrol North
Paul Gunzelman, City Engineer, Department of Public Works and Utilities
Alana Haynes, Office of Community Engagement

Order of Business

Call to Order

Council Member Lavonta Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed staff and guests.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda submitted. **Motion carried 7:0.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes submitted. **Motion carried 7:0.**

Public Agenda

1. Agenda Items

No item.

2. Off Agenda Items

Angela Rooker, Big Brother Big Sister, provided an overview of the Big Brother Big Sisters programs and provided awareness of community services, such as, mentoring and coaches for youth. Two youth members also spoke about their involvement in the Big Brother Big Sister

Program. Questions-none.

Action Taken: Received and Filed

Staff Report

3. Fire Report

Lt. Nicholas Woods, WFD, Station #10, reported that during the month of September there were six fires; four arsons and two accidental in District I. Suspects for the arson cases are being investigated. The fire department performed successful fire drills at their local schools. **Woods** reminded citizens to check the batteries in smoke detectors when setting back the clocks this month. Questions- None.

Action Taken: Received and Filed.

4. Police Report

Officer Matthew Lowe, WPD, Beat 31, reported for September in Beats 31, and 38. Good footage was recovered for a robbery of a grocery store in College Hills and there has also been an increase in garage thefts from citizens leaving their garage doors open. In Beat 38, robberies are up, however; a small car chase occurred, suspect were captured.

Officer Chad Burnet, WPD, Beat 45 and 46, reported that police are working on capturing suspects involved in fire arsons from raw footage that was captured showing the suspects. The arsons have mainly been near apartment complexes. District I has also experience an increase in burglaries at small convenient stores, videos and prints have been obtained. Burnett also reported that the Boys and Girls Club will need volunteers to help build playground equipment. If anyone needs additional information, please contact the Boys and Girls Club. Questions- none.

Action Taken: Received and Filed.

New Business

5. CUP2014-0027

Jess McNeely, City Planner, presented on an amendment to, DP-45, the C-K-M CUP, Parcel 5 to permit a nightclub in the city. **DAB Members** were provided the MAPD staff report for review.

Greg Ferris, applicant agent, addressed the members of the **DAB** with plans of enhancing the property and creating a center that will be first class. **Ferris** also expressed that the center will not be open for business of a nightclub, but will operate more in the role of an event center that would require reservations for usage. Staff will present during events and no outside alcohol will be allowed in the building. The building will also have sound proofing equipment that will prevent neighbors from being disturbed. The plans are to protect and enhance the area and neighborhood.

DAB member: Has this been before the City Council? **McNeely:** No, this item goes before MAPC on Thursday, October 09, 2014.

DAB member: Will this be similar to Corporate Caters? **Keith Brown:** Yes, we also plan to have a full kitchen and a large section dedicated to customer and staff parking.

DAB member: Will the six days that are open to the public happen or will it be less? **Brown:** We will open for the public on holidays for buffets; more than likely it will be four days per year.

DAB member: Will there be security provided? **Brown:** We do not anticipate having events or guest that will cause the need for security.

Citizens expressed their concerns of noise and the possibility of the center attracting crime to the area. **Brown** addressed the concerns of the citizens and **DAB members** and added a condition of the center closing at 2:00a.m.

Dan Heflin made a motion to recommend approval, of an amendment to, DP-45, the C-K-M CUP, Parcel 5 to permit a nightclub in the city with the additional condition of the nightclub closing at 2:00 a.m. Motion was properly seconded by Aaron Mays. Motion passed 9-0

6. Public Works and Utilities Department

Paul Gunzelman, City Engineer, presented on improvements to the Intersection of 37th Street North and Hillside. Staff reports were provided to **DAB members**.

DAB member: Will this project tie into the 37th street rebuilding project? **Gunzelman:** Yes, the left turning lane is on 37th and Hillside.

DAB member: How many years to gage capacity? **Gunzelman:** It will depend on what develops around the area. With the addition of heavy trucks, the life span of the road may be shorter.

DAB member: When or if the bridge is to be replaced will the lanes be extended? **Gunzelman:** It will depend on future development plans for the area.

Beverly Domitrovic made a motion to recommend approval, of the 37th Street Improvement Plan. Motion was properly seconded by Dan Heflin. Motion passed 9-0.

7. Department of Public Works & Utilities – Douglas Design

Paul Gunzelman, City Engineer presented on a new design concept for Douglas. Washington to Grove Streetscape Improvements including: curb bulb outs, medians, mid-block crosswalks and lighting and artwork. **Gunzelman** commented that the item will go before the City Council on December 2nd and that the business owners on Douglas supported the design for business developments. Staff reports were provided to **DAB members**.

DAB member: Have we looked into conserving water? **Gunzelman:** If you are basing water conservation from the diagram in the handout, more trees are depicted than the actual plans, however; we are considering rain gardens.

DAB member: In the past, trees have been planted in front of business signage. Will this be an issue for this project? **Gunzelman:** About half the number of trees will be planted as seen on the diagram in your package. Landscaping will work hard to find something that will last and it will be well maintained throughout the seasons.

DAB member: Why is there angle parking in this plan? **Gunzelman:** The angle parking is for the businesses, it allows for additional parking,

Brandon James made a motion to recommend approval, of the Douglas Design Plan. Motion was properly seconded by Janet Wilson. Motion passed 9-0.

Board Agenda

8. Updates, Issues and Reports

CM Williams: None.

9. Adjournment

Action Taken: Motion to adjourn was made by Beverly Domitrovic, Janet Wilson seconded. Motion carried 9:0.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for the District Advisory Board I will be held at 6:30 p.m., November 3, 2014, at the Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center, 2755 E. 19th St. N.